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Cutbacks Affecting University Libraries

by Nick Antonic

One of the most fundamental and important components of the university's educational resource is the library. The libraries of Ontario's universities make up one of the provinces' most valuable resources and, because they are so essential to the maintenance of the quality of education, should be spared the same degree of cutbacks and restraint that have been applied to the rest of the provinces' educational community. Since 1972, however, the libraries have suffered a great deal.

The Ontario Council of

University Affairs (OCUA) reported last year that the real value of book acquisitions had declined 33 per cent over the last eight years. Inflation is partly to blame; acquisition budgets have increased 47 per cent in that period while book costs have risen 146 per cent. The government has not kept pace with those increases and the net effect has been a serious eroding of the libraries ability to fulfill their tasks properly. Besides the problems with acquisitions budgets, there has also been a reduction in the number of staff positions, resulting in shorter library hours and greatly cur-

tailed library services.

A striking example of what happens when university libraries are not funded to keep up with inflation is the case of the Robart's library at the University of Toronto.

A recent report prepared by the Ontario Federation of Students describes the effect that government restraints have had on the library services at the Robart's:

"It is the largest library in Canada and one of the largest facilities on the continent. Since 1969-70, 130 staff positions have been cut - 27.4 percent of the total library staff. While

acquisitions have decreased by more than 50 percent, a shortage of staff has made it impossible to even catalogue this reduced amount of material.

A backlog has developed which would take an additional nine months of cataloguing to complete. Rather than have these books sitting in storage, a stop-gap measure was proposed and implemented, a system which only gives abbreviated listings in the catalogues.

These books are not now fully integrated into the rest of the collection but are put into special sections. This awkward

solution has at best made the books more difficult to find."

The situation at Toronto is not unique. Laurentian's library has suffered along with the others in the province. In some ways, because of the unique circumstances that exist at Laurentian, our library has suffered even more so. This has affected and will continue to affect the quality of the education that we receive at this institution. In an article in next week's edition, we will describe the local situation in detail and analyze the unique problems that confront us.

Lambda Votes CUP In Unanimously

by Nick Antonic

At a meeting held on Monday, February 23, the Lambda Publications Society, publishers of Lambda, voted to sign a new

national advertising contract with CUP Media Services.

The vote was unanimous, those present indicating their confidence in the newly created

advertising collective's ability to create a successful sales agency.

CUP Media Services is owned and operated by Canadian University Press, which is made

up of about 70 college and university newspapers in Canada. The ad organization is directed by Mr. Paul Jones, the former national sales development manager for Maclean's magazine.

At present, CUP-MS has achieved a total circulation of 143,000 in its drive to replace Youthstream Canada, the advertising agency with which Lambda and the other CUP members had a national contract. CUP-MS has projected a circulation target of 250,000, a

figure which seems attainable at this time.

The S.G.A., represented by President Sean Kearney and Treasurer Don Garioch, participated in the voting process and lent their support to the pro-CUP "faction" at Lambda.

The vote was supervised by history Professor D.K. Buse, who ensured that the proper procedures were followed and that the vote was a fair and honest one.



Little Relief For Students

by Nick Antonic

The recently released Federal Provincial Task Force on Student Assistance report, produced after more than a year of study, has failed to recommend any significant changes or improvements in the various aid programmes available to students.

The report clearly demonstrates that the existing aid schemes haven't lined up to their own goals and principles. Not only does the report fail to make any concrete suggestions for specific improvements or changes, the report actually suggests that the programmes should continue to exist within the "fiscal and economic realities" of the day. This in spite of the growing evidence that these programmes have little effect on improving access to a university education and that students are

increasingly burdened by rising costs.

The report ignored a number of studies, prepared by both academic and student groups, which criticized existing programmes. The report's authors have instead used opinion polls to conceal the vociferous and wide spread criticisms of the present programmes.

Ontario Federation of Students Chairperson, Karen Dubinsky said that the "report provides little relief to needy Ontario college and university students who are burdened by growing education costs." She said that these students are "hit by substantial tuition increases and are looking for some meaningful changes to the student system, not platitudes." She went on to say that major changes in the system must be made if a university education is

to be made available to all levels of our society.

John Doherty, Executive Officer of the National Union of Students said that "this report makes a mockery of student input and hides the real concerns with existing programmes. The Task Force has shrugged its responsibility for developing a set of alternatives to ensure that all Canadian, regardless of income, have a fair chance to get the education they need and want."

The report dismissed student calls for a federal bursaries programme to diminish regional inequalities. The report does not recommend any national standards for grant assistance and continued the provincial government's obsession with mandatory parental contributions and its unrealistic assessment of student needs.

Staff Elections- Nominations Open

Lambda will hold elections to fill the positions of editor and production manager for the 1981-1982 academic year on Sunday, March 15, 1981 at 2:00 p.m. The elections will be held at the offices of Lambda (G-1, Student Street, Laurentian University) and will be conducted in the manner prescribed by the Lambda constitution.

Nominations for these positions are now open. Information can be obtained from Lambda staff members regarding the means by which candidates are chosen.

Listed below are the names of current staff members eligible to vote in this election. If you feel that you should be on the list and are not, please contact us immediately. We hold regular weekly meetings at our office every Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

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Carnivals And Corsets

by Harlan Trapper

And you thought Winter Carnival was over. Wrong-o! The "official" party may be dead and gone, but those long-time residents of L.U., the "regulars", (like me - our student numbers are older than some frosh) know that the real fun is just beginning. Event #1 was held last Tuesday in the Great Hall.

First, some background: it is the habit of us regulars (at least those in the Great Hall, not in that cesspool of number-cluttered and closed minds in the Science II) to ogle the opposite, usually, sex: male, female; female, male; male, male; female, female; combinations and deviations galore. This activity, of course, has brought into the language of the regulars a

number of key words and phrases which carry additional unvocalized, specific meanings. "Tight", for example, used in reference to jeans, automatically keys the thought, "She must've jumped off 8th floor U.C. to get into those." I mean, how tight can you get? There are other examples, but this is

not a lecture on emergent language. Back to the central question: the jean jumping contest.

You read right. The kick-off event of the underground winter carnival was the jean jumping contest. It was the brain-child of one "Turk" Moriarty, a football player (from the days

when L.U. had a team) and English major, who first noticed and commented on the regulars' emergent language. A great and fondly remembered regular.

The event itself consists of men, women and "bizarre-os" (another key word, the meaning left as an exercise for the reader)

clad in shirts and, sometimes, underwear, leaping from an eight foot platform into jeans four sizes too small for them. The jeans are held by, of course, spotters. The winner, the one who best fills the jeans, retains the jeans as the prize.

And the winner is -- not tellin'. Can't tell ya. Why not? Simple: the regulars are a loosely knit and close-mouthed group who gather only on such occasions as our underground carnival. As a group, we have very little formal structure, but very definite required behaviour. Names given publically are a no-no. (Harlan Trapper, you may have guessed, is a pseudonym. "Turk" Moriarty is not, but he is no longer "with" us and so is fair game.) Still, you may be able to guess who the winner is and I'll even give you a hint - female.

It occurs to me, mind you, that many would simply assume the winner to be a female. Certainly an invalid assumption. With the rise of such sex bimbos - uh - symbols as John Revolta, men's jeans are being worn increasingly tighter. (This brings up a word of advice to any males entering the jean jumping contest: it is advisable to wear underwear, and not for modesty's sake.) None-the-less, this year's winner is female. Look for her in the Great Hall - she still hasn't managed to remove her prize.

And that's the news! The regulars' underground carnival has kicked-off, so if you see any peculiar things in the coming weeks you'll know the cause.

One footnote: I was watching a late movie last weekend, in the company of a lovely young lady. The film had a mildly amusing scene wherein a woman was struggling valiantly with a whalebone corset, all but killing herself to fit into it. My companion commented on the folly of such vanity and professed to be happy not to bear the same tortures today. I pointed out that blue jeans - like hers - did the same thing today. "Maybe," she replied, "but whalebone doesn't come with zippers."

Survival Kit

[ZNS] -- A Vancouver man has decided to take advantage of the war paranoia in the United States following the election of Ronald Reagan.

John Dowd has produced a "Ronald Reagan Survival Kit." It sells for \$3000, and consists of a six-month supply of food for two people, a radiation detection kit, a fire extinguisher, an anti-contamination suit, and a copy of *War and Peace* to read while everyone else is in the final stages of meltdown.

Says Dowd, who at last report had yet to sell his first kit, "Perhaps I'll throw in a guide to infra-red cookery."

Students Aren't The Only Ones

There are over 18 million people (three quarters of the entire population of Canada) in North-East Africa who live on the brink of death. They have been tossed back and forth between the enemies of drought and war, then dropped into a jungle of starvation, disease and terror.

Today, the land from Dji-

bouti to Uganda is stark and unyielding as East Africans face the worst drought in 15 years. According to the United Nations World Food Council, of the 26 nations now plunged into blatant starvation 17 are in Africa. More than 20 million people face the threat of famine this year; of those, 12 million may develop acute malnutri-

tion, and one million or more can be expected to die by the end of the year.

The facts:

Ethiopia - the worst hit, with 5 million people, or one-fifth of the population, affected by drought in nine of the country's 14 provinces.

Uganda - In the hard-hit cont'd on page 8

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Education Crisis To Be Election Issue

Toronto [CUP] -- Ontario student leaders and faculty members are welcoming the upcoming provincial election as a chance to bring university funding, tuition increases and other educational issues into public attention.

"We support no particular

party, but we insist that Ontario's crisis in education be addressed as a major issue in the Ontario election on March 19, 1981," says John Fleming, spokesperson for the faculty association at the University of Toronto.

The Ontario Federation of

Students (OFS) supports this approach. "We are trying to take the education issue off the campus and into the community," said Peter Birt, OFS information officer.

OFS will attempt to do this by encouraging all candidates debates to be held off campus.

Student councils in the province will be asked to distribute a questionnaire on educational issues to all candidates to gauge their opinions on topics which affect students.

OFS is also planning to publish a tabloid on education in Ontario in early March. A

Rock Against Restraint concern is also tentatively scheduled for the second week of March.

"We know it (education) will never become the major election issue but we will make it an important one," said Birt.

The U of T faculty association is concentrating on the effects of inadequate funding.

"The well-being of society depends to a large extent on its university-educated engineers, doctors, lawyers, teachers, scientists, business managers, philosophers and leaders in every part of community life," says Fleming. "Continued underfunding of Ontario universities will affect the lives of every person in the province."

U of T student council president Peter Galway also welcomes an election during the school term.

"It is a bit easier for SAC (student council) to express student issues in a public forum now," he said. Also, students will be more likely to perceive themselves as a cohesive unit."

Fleming said the faculty association would be meeting with the U of T student council and OFS to discuss the possibility of unified action.

Science Funding Increases Insufficient

Ottawa [CUP] -- Most Canadian research will come to a grinding halt if federal funding to research councils and universities is not increased, according to the president of the Canadian Federation of Biological Sciences.

John Cowan said February 10 the expected research funding increases would be insufficient to maintain the current level of research.

"I think that we're in much more serious trouble than anyone realizes yet," he said.

The federal government provides funding for research by means of three granting councils, who in turn finance individual researchers and universities. The Medical Research Council is expected to receive a 9 per cent increase in funding, the Natural Science and Engineering Research Council will likely receive 11.5 per cent and the Social Science and Humanities Research Council may get 8 per cent.

Although the final decision on the budgets for the councils will not be made until later this month, Cowan said the councils have been advised verbally of these increases. He also said John Roberts, Minister for Science and Technology, hinted at these percentages.

"Roberts said he wouldn't discourage this belief," said Cowan.

Cowan said these increases are insufficient because the rate of inflation for scientific research is higher than the regular inflation rate as a result of the cost of importing supplies and equipment. Also, he said, there is a backlog of equipment replacement requests, which have built up over years in inadequate funding, that cannot be answered under the proposed budgets.

"The councils have also made long range financial commitments based on five year plans that were approved over a year ago," said Cowan. For example, the Science and Engineering Council had a budget of \$206 million approved last year and that would be reduced to \$181.5 million if the new proposal takes effect.

"There was a different government in power then," said Cowan. "We had assurances that neither party would change the five year plans."

Cowan dismissed the statement Roberts made January 19 which suggested there would be "real growth" in research and development funding for next year.

"We in the scientific com-



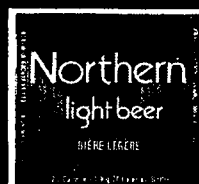
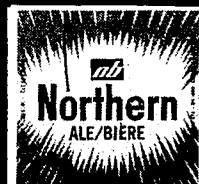
munity are not fooled," he said. "Of course, I would be delighted if the minister's claim is true."

Cowan said the possible research and development cuts and the upcoming announcement on cutbacks in post secondary education funding to the provinces are "two sides of the same coin. We can no longer expect overhead support from post secondary education funding," he said.

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Lambda Publications is a member of the Canadian University Press. As such, it is democratically controlled by its staff. Staff meetings are held every Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. in the *Lambda* office, Room G-1, Student Street. Membership in *Lambda Publications* is open to all members of the Laurentian University community and is contingent upon three published contributions during the fall term, or five published contributions during the academic year.

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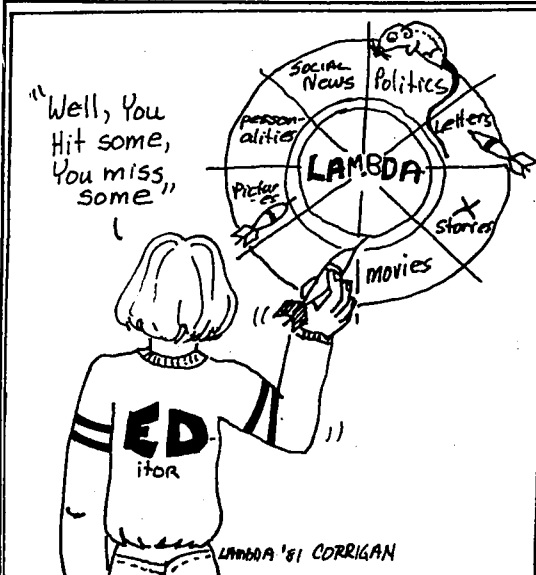
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What Lambda Lacks

by Nick Antonic

I would like to devote this week's editorial to discussing *Lambda*'s shortcomings.

This may be a bit unusual for an editorial, but I think that it is appropriate for a newspaper (especially a student paper) to engage in some healthy self-criticism from time to time. I don't intend to apologize for our efforts, (I don't think apologies are due to anyone) but to point out some areas of weaknesses that we have and what we hope to do about them.

To begin with, we are weak on local news, especially here on campus. We haven't given our readers a detailed picture of the ying and yang of university politics, a close look at the personalities that have risen and fallen or the kind of information that students need to make intelligent decisions about their academic lives.

We haven't presented enough social and club news. Our coverage of the various events and functions held at Laurentian has been poor to nil.

The arts and culture have escaped our attention; as well, movie and concert reviews, articles on the arts, book reviews and all the rest have been under-represented in our pages. Creative writing has been almost non-existent. We should have had a lot of poetry and short stories, pieces that would have demonstrated the imagination and creativity that abounds on campus.

Letters to the editor have been few and far between. No great controversies have been stirred up, no causes espoused or attacked, no *Sturm und Drang* anywhere to be seen. We seem unable to offend anyone this year.

The quality of our offerings has not been particularly high. We've tried, but there is a lot of room for improvement. We are certainly not satisfied with ourselves and will continue to strive for improvements.

We are, therefore, quite aware of our shortcomings and are working towards overcoming them. There is one thing to be said in our defense, though, and this is the point of this little exercise.

One of the main reasons for all of our faults in the lack of staff. (Here he goes again, you say!) It's true. If we had more people writing for us, we could do a better job. It's a simple equation, one that I firmly believe in. If you are not satisfied with what you read in *Lambda* come in and change things. A bigger staff would enable us to do a better job.

The same is true for next year. (We have only six editions left.) We at *Lambda* are committed to improving our product. Come in and help us do a better job.

It's Survival Of The Fittest

If you listen closely, you can hear the thundering hooves of a fast approaching herd of heavy-breathing, wild-eyed animals -- candidates, each and every one.

Candidates? Once more, yes. The SGA elections are yet again threatening to disturb the peace and tranquillity of our cafeterias with loud and vociferous displays of banality. Once more unto the bearpit!

Bearpits, so-called, are designed to test candidates under fire by allowing anyone who so wishes to interrogate them. It is basically a sound idea. Reaction under fire, response and counter response, evasion or non-evasion, can serve as useful guidelines for the voter. One guy's a yo-yo, toss him over; another's cool and direct, give him a gold star. In theory it is a useful exercise.

Unfortunately, recent years have tended to turn the bearpit inside out. Consider, for a moment, what a real bearpit (or was). A hole in the ground, first of all -- a pit. Without amenities or escape. In that pit sits a bear -- or several bears. Tease the bears from the edge -- from above the bears -- and you can see their personalities emerge.

Translate the image of a

bearpit to the political arena (as an exercise, consider the ramifications of "arena") and a forum is created in which the public can in some way gauge various candidates. Unfortunately, lost in the translation, the psychological ramifications of the pit are gone. The pit has been turned inside out.

No longer do the voters tease from above: the candidates -- the bears -- stand on raised platforms and speak down. They -- the bears -- control the pit, the people who ask questions, the kind of questions asked, the limits of time.

The limits of time. In a pit the bear is trapped. If you don't like his answers, if he evades a question, ask him again. Put the pressure on. Make the bear growl.

Let the bear out only when you are ready.

Sadly, contemporary bearpits are run by the bears. They have become exercises in banality, evasion and futility. Of course, it is possible to reverse this trend. While the candidates babble in the Great Hall or Science II it is possible to lay plans, to put spade to earth, and dig some real bearpits.

U.C., for example, has a great many residents, too many,

in fact, to allow everyone to rap profitably with the candidates. However, U.C. has several floors, several common rooms, within which several bearpits could be dug.

Like this: invite the candidate of your choice, or all the candidates -- with luck the bears will turn on themselves, to field questions in a locked common room. Tell the candidates the rules before hand, of course: those refusing are put in a bad light. Then go for them. Make them give you answers, or tell you if they don't have the answers. Bait them. Look for evasion and jump on it. Hound them. Find out what makes the bears tick.

In due course, certainly, the bears will out. Kidnapping is illegal. Besides, the common room two floors up may be waiting eagerly with their own pit.

It is election time, folks. The SGA is looking for new blood and the candidates -- the bears -- are coming forth. For a change, for some excitement, ultimately to see who is the best, trap some bears and make them talk. In the end, such a process might yield a student's council with more to its credit than insipidness.



letters

Dear Editor:

It has become obvious that *Lambda* has no intention of writing articles on current events of interest. Such an event, for example, is the arrival on the music scene of what promises to be the greatest New Wave band of all time. I mean, of course, "Jonny Arcane and the Didactics".

"Jonny Arcane and the

Didactics" are the frontrunners in the "new" new wave. Their music is a lyrical condemnation of the breakdown of grammatical form in our society. Their first album, *Put Back the Syn in Syntax*, is a balanced progression from soft ballads such as *The Up With Which We Will Not Put Song*, to the hard-driving certain-to-be-classic rock hit *Funky Wagnall*. There

is also the surprisingly upbeat ditty, currently rising on the charts, *Roget Raccoon*.

The band is now touring Canada fresh from a smash success in England at the Oxford Union Debating Society Ball. Their music, though occasionally obtuse, is actually a pernicious assault on our woefully lacking vocabularies.

Lead stylist, Jonny Arcane, cavorts about the stage with the other members, Rocky Roget, OED "Eddie" Frye, and the drummer known only as The Onomatopoeic Kid.

Their next album, *Culture and Anarchy*, featuring *Ignorant Armies*, will be released this fall.

Rhett Bramble

Dear Editor:

I should like to complain that everything in the cafeteria is, you know, kinda changed. I don't like the way all the tables are different and not in the same place. Everybody should like complain and get back to normal.

A Concerned Student



Cutbacks - Low Income Nightmare

by Nancy McRitchie

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Amber N. won't be back at school next year. The burden of owing six and a half thousand dollars in student loans and of scraping by financially year after year, has become too heavy. "It's a big thing having all that money over your head," she says. "It's depressing."

It's the middle of November, and she checks the mailbox every day for her student loan. To make matters worse, when the cheque finally does arrive, it will carry with it the financial penalty of Amber's "dependant" status, even though "I haven't lived at home for five years and my parents won't support me."

"I don't think I'm an extreme case," she says. "I've been able to borrow money from friends, and get an emergency loan. I know lots of students who can't even do that."

She isn't an extreme case. One out of five students was unemployed last summer according to Statistics Canada. At least that many again were underemployed, and worked only part of the summer or earned wages too low to save an adequate amount for school.

Without summer jobs, students from well-off families are more likely to stay in school. An Ontario government survey in 1973 showed that 87 per cent of high school students from the highest economic bracket went on to post-secondary studies. Only half of those from the lowest bracket continued.

Since then, inflation has increased the financial pressure.

In "Student Loans: Making a Mockery of Equal Opportunity", the National Union of Students (NUS) points out that the gulf between the cost of living for a student, and the average student resources, has grown significantly between 1972 and 1978. While the average student resources (accounting for inflation) has increased almost twice that much, up 134 per cent.

Inaccessibility to education is just one form of cutbacks. Wait a minute, cutbacks, what cutbacks? The government says there aren't any. Funding to post-secondary education has increased substantially every year, they say. What they don't say is that inflation takes away more than the increase, resulting in serious underfunding.

Some student leaders can't find any evidence of education cutbacks either. Bruce Ramsey, for example, couldn't. He was president of the students' union at the University of Calgary last year. This year he's the special assistant to the Alberta Minister of Advanced Education.

There's a thirty-five per cent failure rate in Lake Sagaris' second year biology class. "Why?" she asks. "I do not think it's that students are stupid. Those people were screened out long ago." It's not the lecturers, who are on the average "very good". It's not the teaching assistants or the labs, which she says

are also very good. It's because students in her class feel alienated and uninvolved with the course, because there are 400 of them.

The stairways at Mount Royal College don't lead to heaven, and they don't lead to another floor of classrooms. The stairways lead to a dead end on the fourth floor, that at one time was slated to become student residences. Now there's no money, and the residences won't be built in the "foreseeable" future. And student housing in Calgary is among the worst in the country.

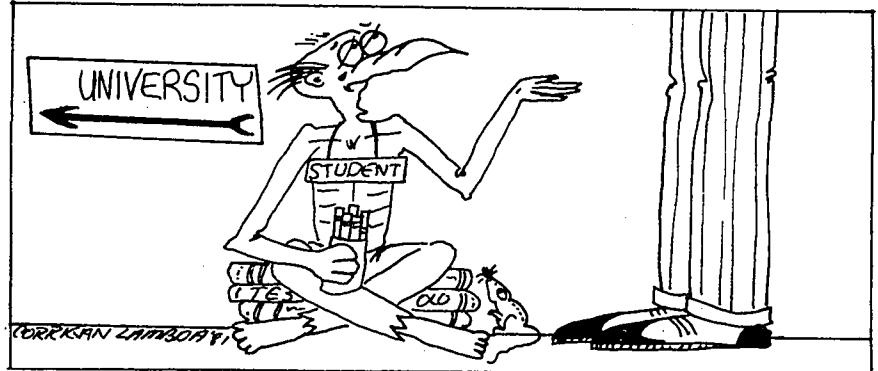
Why has post-secondary education last priority with federal and provincial governments in the past decade?

The economic crisis in the country might pass as an answer, if it wasn't for the case of Alberta. With nearly seven billion dollars in the Heritage Trust Fund, education cutbacks are no different than anywhere

Bev Crossman, who has worked for the National Union of Students, "unless you're really well organized. You have to have lots of on-campus support. Politicians must be convinced that students are well enough organized to affect their (politicians') positions."

There are presently 38 full-time staff members of national and provincial student organizations, and about twice that many executive members. While 450,000 students belong to either the National Union of Students or a provincial organization, only five per cent of those at the most are involved in student politics and issues. Why aren't more students involved?

It's a chicken before the egg kind of problem. Students won't get involved if the organizations aren't effective. And the organizations aren't effective. And the organizations can't be effective if the students



else.

It's also hard to answer the question of where students would be now without the provincial and national student organizations who have fought on students' issues. Critics of these organizations say they are ineffective and not worth the money students pay in membership fees (several dollars per student per year).

NUS claims to have won concessions in student aid, and helped force the government to provide summer jobs for students. They have worked with provincial organizations to oppose tuition and education cutbacks. In 1978 fifteen thousand students protested in demonstrations. In Alberta, where two years ago the education minister swore it would never happen, student representation has been legislated onto the Students Finance Board (which sets student aid levels).

But one of their biggest problems is getting students involved. "The level of awareness of students on campus about the student movement is very bad," says Mike Miller, a fieldworker for NUS. Agreement on that statement can be found everywhere.

"You can't be an effective lobbying force," says

don't get involved.

It's partly, says Lake Sagaris, who has been active in student affairs for a long time, because students in Canada, and Canadian generally, are extremely conservative. They are very reluctant to challenge the status quo, regardless of what the status quo is doing. "Students have to recognize that its very constructive to disagree with government policies on education." Right now most of them just think it's "not nice", she says.

Conservatism was definitely the order of the day at the non-members caucus meeting at the last NUS conference this fall in Winnipeg. Delegates from the University of Victoria, the University of Calgary, the University of Western Ontario, the University of British Columbia and the University of Manitoba all expressed the same reasons for dissatisfaction with the national organization -- that NUS policies are "too radical" and do not represent students' views.

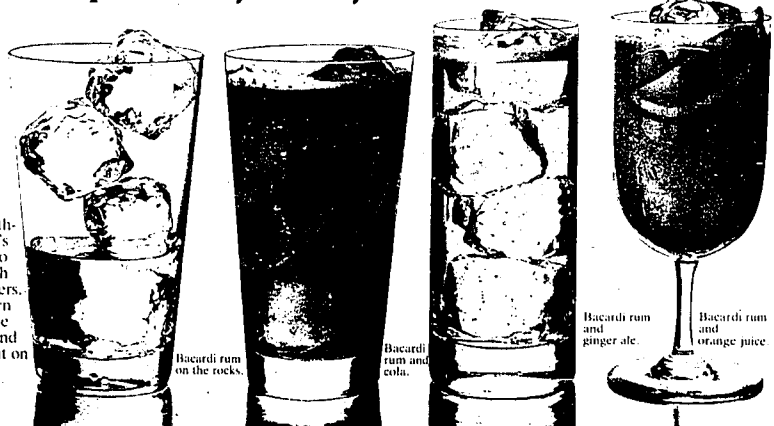
"That's bullshit," says Steve Shallhorn, staffer for the B.C. Students Federation. "NUS policy is that students should have access to student aid, grants, summer jobs, and quality education."



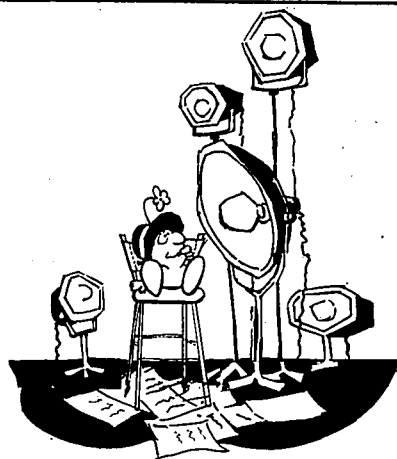
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Huntington Highlites

by Coyote

Well, I guess that puts us in the last stretch of the 1980-81 school year. There are still quite a few events to attend, such as the curling bonspiel, the Mattawa ski expedition (if there's any snow left), the year-end banquet and many other parties.

I hope you all enjoyed study week because I can see some heavy studying coming over the horizon.

In case some of you didn't know it there are five Hunting-tonites who are members of the Thorneloe Players and they are presenting a play called "Rhino-ceros". The play is being presented at the Fraser Auditorium starting this Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. and will run until Saturday. These Hunting-tonites are: Sue Hart, Linda Paul, John

Tait, Brendon Stapleton and myself. This week's **Hunting-tonite of the Week** award goes out to these talented young people.

We also mustn't forget both of Huntington's male hockey teams, since they defended Huntington's honour to the fullest. Good job, guys. I wish the girls all the luck in the world in their hockey tourney. Next week's Highlites could be a surprise to some people. See ya all.

P.S. "Apology to Rhino" I apologize to Jean Marc Jolicoeur and Darlene because I forgot to mention their names in the last week's article entitled "Rhino on Loose". Jean Marc is a member of the cast and Darlene is also in charge of publicity.

by Rich Coulterman
Thank God for slack week! It seems as though just about everyone needed a break from the books. Actually, the majority of us just needed a chance to recover from Carny week. The Commerce Council had its part in the Carnival week as it took host to Monte Carlo night. The response was tremendous as many of Laurentians big-timers gambled throughout the evening. We at the Comm Council would like to thank all of you that supported the event and made it the success that it was.

Many of the council and various students within the school were instrumental in getting this event off the ground

and to mention them all would be difficult, but a few guys did put in a lot of work and they must be mentioned; so thanks go out once again to Paul Wilson, Tom Pollock and Walter Pavan.

Special thanks must be given to the members of the Pub Crawl, especially the red-sweated contingent from U of S who provided some unexpected entertainment for the early part of the evening. Anyone who was not particularly tied up in the money making business couldn't help but notice the Stokers version of "Swan Lake" as performed by its distinguished and talented dancers - in a profuse state of

intoxication. Never again will the students of Laurentian have an opportunity to view such an unparalleled display of true poetry in motion. (Maybe they're getting tired of punk rock?)

Just as a closing remark, I'd like to remind everyone that the Commerce Curling Bonspiel will be held one week from this Friday, that is, on March 6th. Entry forms will be available this week some time. So get ready for a good time next Friday when the "best (!!!?) Curlers in Commerce Curl Off!!" Good Luck. Until next week.

Thorneloe Thunder

by the Bird

The Bird would like to take this opportunity to welcome everybody back to school. I trust that your Reading Week was an enjoyable one (unless, like some of us, you had to work your tail feathers off just to get caught up!)

Since the last edition, Thorneloe's first Carnival Ball Hockey Tournament took place. Although student teams from all over the University and the city took part, the tournament seemed to belong to U.C.'s teams. Congratulations to the

U.C. Dentmeyer who, with a fine display of teamwork and skill, won the championship game over the Prospectors "A" team. Congratulations also to the runners-up who, despite a rough schedule, made it to the finals and provided their spectators with many exciting games.

The Consolation Championship was taken by another U.C. team, the U.C. Men. After losing their first game to the Prospectors "B" team, Fish's troupes pulled together and eventually defeated the Bad News Bears in a close, well

played final.

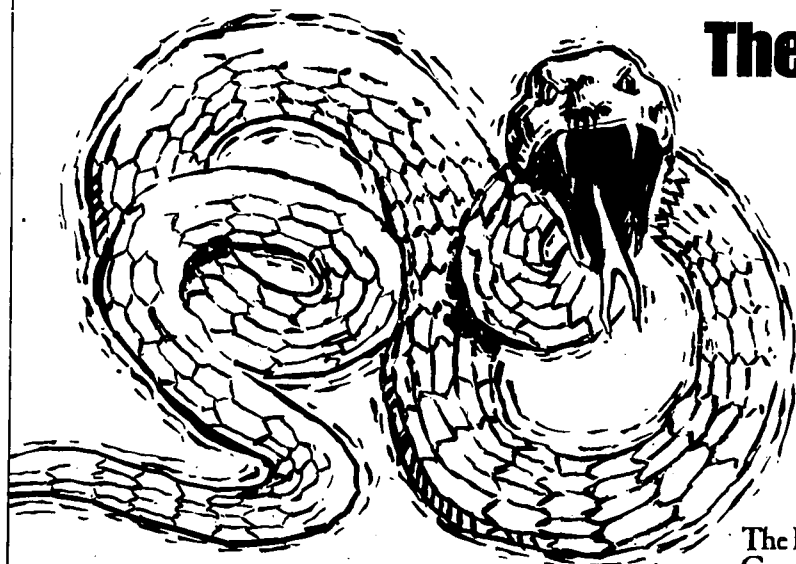
Unfortunately, the tournament was marred by many unsportsmanlike incidents that are unbecoming of intramural sports (it's enough to ruffle any bird's feathers!). The attitudes that some teams exhibited prevented them, and others, from enjoying the game and the competition, and this led to some "ugly" scenes. One hopes that this type of behaviour is not an omen of things to come in future intramural sports, because we will all suffer for it.

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GOOD SHOWING BY LAURENTIAN TRACK TEAM

by Hilda Postenka

The Laurentian University track team participated in several meets over the past two weekends.

Feb. 13 saw the team at the U. of T. Quadrangular Meet, where Hilda Postenka won the Women's High Jump at 1.70m. Rick Carleton took 4th place in the 1500m race with a time of 4:00.3, a new Laurentian record. He also placed 7th in the 1000m. in 2:32.5. Roger Couture also set a new Laurentian record in the pole vault, finishing 7th with a vault of 3.60m. Pierre-Paul Thibodeau sailed to 3rd place in the triple jump with 13.38m, and also won his timed section of the 300m in 37.6. Dan Bodeau placed 4th in the

5,000m race with a time of 15:20.0, while Greg Bale was 6th in his timed section of the 600m in 1:31.2. Sylvia Postenka placed 7th in the Women's long jump with a leap of 4.65m, and Jeff Kerr was 8th in the Men's High Jump at 1.85m. To finish the meet, the men's distance medley relay team of Pierre-Paul Thibodeau, Marcel Boudreau, Dan Bodeau, and Rick Carleton took 5th place in their race with a time of 11:22.1.

On Feb. 14th, the Women's sprint relay team of Gisele Bonin, Fran Proulx, Virginia Stortini, and Heather Delange finished in 3rd place at the Ottawa Citizen Games in Ottawa.

Feb. 21st saw the Laurentian

team at York University for the Laurier Invitational meet. The big news of the day was Ray Paulins in the Men's 5000m race. He left the rest of the field far down the track to win with a time of 14:51.2, just 6 seconds off the National Standard. Laurentian showed its strength in the High Jump, with Hilda Postenka placing 2nd in the Women's event with a new

personal and Laurentian record of 1.73m, and Jeff Kerr taking 3rd place in the Men's High Jump at 1.90m. Roger Couture broke the record of 3.60m he set the previous weekend in the Pole Vault to take 6th place with a new Laurentian record of 3.75m.

The Men's 600m race saw Greg Bale place 4th in his heat with a time of 1:30.7. Virginia

Stortini was 6th in the 50m race in 7.36", and 9th in the 300m with 44.7", while Gisele Bonin was 3rd in her heat of the 300m with a personal best time of 48.0". Sylvia Postenka placed 9th in the Long Jump at 4.65m.

The team will compete again on March 6th and 7th at U. of T. in the O.U.A.A. - O.W.I.A.A. Indoor Track and Field Championships.

January Athletes

by Dan Bodeau

Female -- Marion Waschulzik, Women's Basketball

Marion was a key player in Laurentian's wins over York 62-61 (Jan. 23rd) and Guelph 57-51 (Jan. 24). Marion made several vital baskets at the end of the York game capping Laurentian's come back.

Against Guelph, Marion did an excellent job of guarding Sue Lindley, one of the best guards in Canada.

In the 59-58 loss to York (Jan. 31st) Marion again did a great job of defending York's top guard holding her to 10 points and she also sank 2 bonus shots with 0 seconds remaining on the clock which allowed York to win only by 1 point, thus allowing Laurentian

University to remain tied for 1st.

Marion is a second year Physical Education student.

Male -- Perry Sakki, Nordic Ski Team

Perry was the winner of the 15km race at the Northern Ontario Cross Country Championships held in Timmins. He was also a member at the Laurentian gold medal relay team in the 3 x 5km. Open Men's race at Timmins. Perry, a Sudbury native is a first year Physical Education student.

HONORABLE MENTION: Male -- Diego Favero, Men's Basketball

Diego scored 20 points against York and 16 points against Carleton and provided inspiring leadership on the court.

Ray Races To First

by Ira Bailey

L.U.'s Track and Field team put on a fine performance this weekend at the Laurier Invitational track and field meet.

Ray Paulins pulled down a first place position in the 5,000 metre race with a time of 14:51.2, which is a new Laurentian record. Hilda Postenka also set a new record for Laurentian with 1.73 metres in the high jump event. This score gave Hilda a second place finish in the high jump event.

Another Laurentian record was set by Rick Couture with his pole vault of 3.75 metres. This vault gave Rick a sixth place spot for the tournament.

Jeff Kerr also competed in the high jump and placed third,

right behind Hilda Postenka. Virginia Stortini managed a 6th place finish in the 50 metre race with a time of 7.34 seconds and 8th place in the 300 metre race with a 49.7 seconds run.

by Ira Bailey

Margie Lech, this year's ski team captain, is very pleased with the team's performance in competition to date. "Considering the size of Laurentian University, we have had good representation," said Margie.

She also said that her team faces some very tough competition on the circuit, in the form of ex-National Team Members, Provincial Team members and Pontiac Cup racers.

The captain said that, although her team does not have this type of talent, the team members do make their presence

known and are well respected by other competing University teams.

Profiles:

Margie Lech - This year's acting captain is a third year Physical Education student. In 1978 she was an Alexander Trophy winner after winning in the 19 and under combined category. Margie has two years on the University Invitational Ski Circuit, posting some top ten finishes. This may be a tough year for the captain as she struggles to recover from a serious knee injury.

Tracy Hurst - Is a second

year Physical Education student. She has raced for the Inco Cup on three occasions and has one year on the University Circuit.

Joanne Goddard - Is a third year Physical Education student who has three years of high school racing and Nancy Greene competitions behind her. Joanne also has one year of skiing in the University Circuit.

Cathy Bell - Is a second year Sports Administration student who has racing experience in Nancy Greene competitions and two years of University Circuit experience.

Congratulations Vees

by Ira Bailey

The story of the week goes to our Lady Vees Basketball team who captured the OWIAA championship title, this weekend at home. This is the sixth championship win of seven attempts for the Vees. Laurentian defeated Guelph by a score of 70-46, to capture their latest title. Joy Bellinger scored 19 points and had 6 rebounds, Linda Palango popped in 10 points with 6 rebounds and Barb Tucker also scored 10 points and made 5 rebounds.

The key to their success on Saturday night can be attributed to their very tight defensive play, similar to that which they

utilized to destroy Western on Friday. Also a big factor in their win was the bench strength which allowed the Vees to keep up the consistent pressuring of Guelph all game.

The tournament MVP went to Joy Bellinger of the Vees for her outstanding play throughout the tournament. The following five players were named as the tournament All-Stars: Linda Pallango - L.U. Sue Lindley - Guelph B.J. Forsyth - Western Joanne Hard - Guelph Barb Whibbs - York

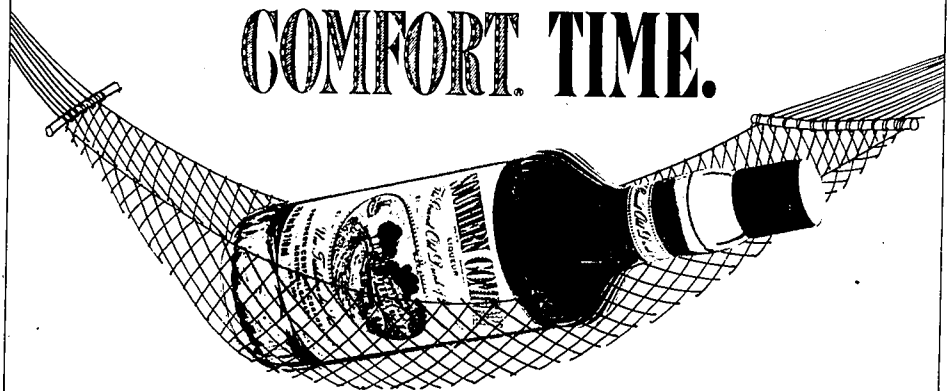
This success will send the Vees to Guelph for the Canadian Nationals where competi-

tion will be somewhat tougher but, then again, so will the Vees.

In other tournament play, Laurentian downed Western on Friday 76-50 by utilizing a tough zone defence which forced Western to shoot long and give up their rebounds. Also on Friday, Guelph defeated York 52-22. This win allowed Guelph their play-off spot on Saturday night against Laurentian.

On Saturday just prior to the men's game, York squeaked by Western 67-66 with the final point being scored in the last 3 seconds.

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International Women's Day

The Women's Studies Programme here at Laurentian University celebrates International Women's Day this year by presenting a week-long series of lunch-hour films and videos about women.

The celebration will include screenings of *Happily Unmarried*; *Womanhouse*; *On the Bias*, by the Development Education Centre; *World Feminists* in which Third World women discuss their perceptions of feminism, as well as *Patricia's*

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Congratulations and thanks to all who participated. We sincerely hope that certain teams will conduct themselves more appropriately in next year's event.


As the flock started to return this weekend, Mother Nature started to shine and out came the baseball gloves. (Spring training came early this year for Gomer, Wilkie, and Ronnie.) After this warmup, Wilkie and Gomer (those brave souls!) went on to bigger things, like tanning in their shorts all afternoon. (Gotta love those sunburns, guys!)

Oh well, gotta fly (no pun intended). Plans are now underway for the pool tournament this Saturday. All Thorndale members are welcome. There will be guys and girls tournaments. Best of luck and I'll catch you next week. P.S. Welcome back, Coyote. Hope you had a good holiday (wandering in Field!?).

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Karamoja district emergency relief distribution has been severely hampered because of the political and economic collapse of the country. Because of banditry, drought and disorder, over one million people are spilling over the Ugandan borders into Kenya and the Sudan. Kenya - receiving the brunt of the hardships from surrounding countries. Formerly a food exporter, Kenya has been forced to become an importer. Somalia - The Horn of Africa is still the stage of embittered battles between Cuban/Russian-backed Ethiopia and Somalia. Refugees continue to pour out of the Ogaden beattle zone into Somalia at a rate of 1500 a day.

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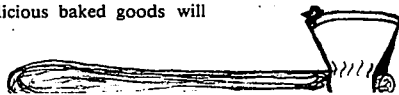
These films and slide shows will be presented in Room C-309 during the week of March 2-6, between 12-1 p.m.

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Social Work Committee



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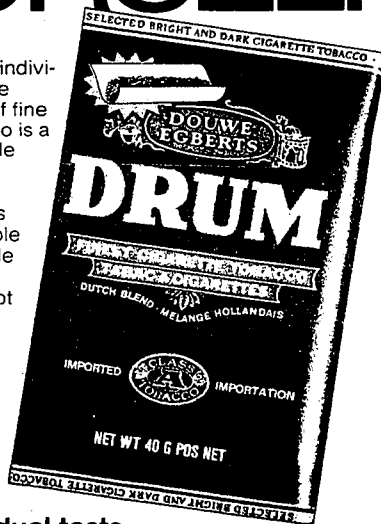
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by Bioths

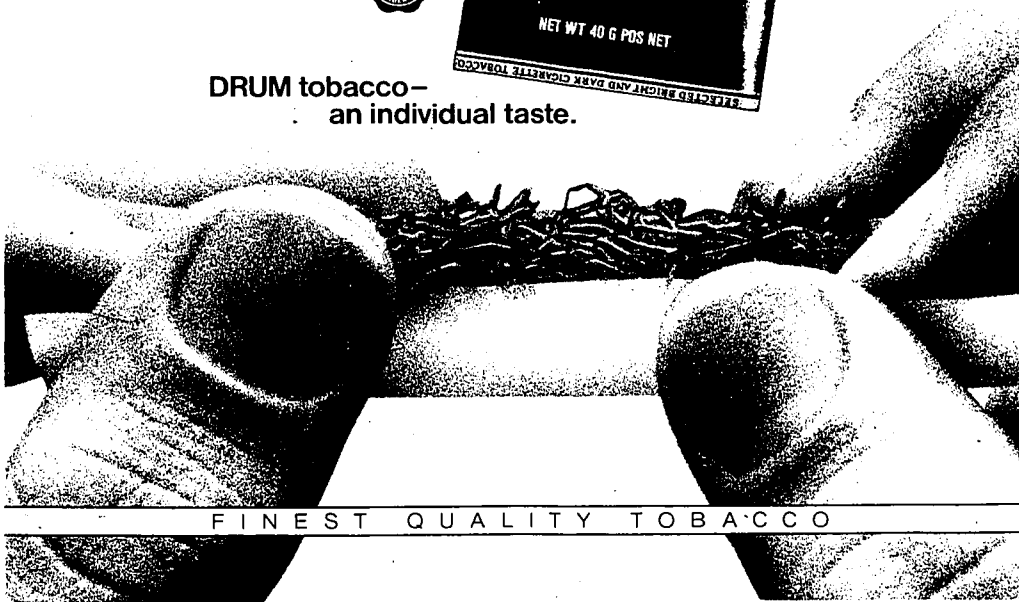
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